will check the Cyber Crime in India.

The Bill also provides for constituting a Committee called the Cyber Regulations Advisory Committee which shall advise the Government from time to time either generally as regards any rules or for any other purposes connected with the Legislation on Information Technology.

German Plant to Induct Indian IT Professionals

4925. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the German Government is embarking on a plan to induct 20,000 IT professionals from India into their country precipitating another brain drain;

(b) whether the potential for export of Software to Germany can reach one billion US$ within three years; and

(c) if so, what are Government plans to exploit this opportunity?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) German Government has announced a plan to initially issue 10,000 green cards (which may later be increased to 20,000) to IT experts from India and other countries to meet its shortage of IT professionals. As we are trying to increase number of IT professionals in the country, it would not precipitate any brain drain.

(b) It is possible to reach a target of US$ 1 billion export of software and software services to Germany by the year 2003.

(c) Government jointly with the National Association of Software and Services Compaines (NASSCOM) has been participating in exhibitions and engaging "Software India" road shows in Germany to promote awareness about India's software capabilities and provide opportunity for business networking.

NASSCOM is planning to launch language courses for computer professionals and is setting up dedicated website for German companies looking for alliance with Indian companies.